

**TRANSPORTATION FOR ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
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PRESS RELEASE

BATON ROUGE - Department of Transportation and Development Secretary, Johnny B. Bradberry, said today that private non-profit organizations and certain public entities may apply to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for funds to purchase vehicles to provide transportation for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Only those organizations that already provide transportation services will be considered for funding assistance. All minority transportation organizations are encouraged to apply.

Organizations seeking these funds may submit a letter requesting a Section 5310 Application to the DOTD Public Transportation Section by Monday, August 30, 2004, Bradberry said. The request letter should be sent to:

Harold Beck, Program Manager  
LA Department of Transportation & Development  
Public Transportation Section, Airport, Rm. 138  
Post Office Box 94245  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Upon receipt of request, a Section 5310 Application and a Procedures Manual will be forwarded to the organization. Questions may be directed to the DOTD - Public Transportation Section at (225) 274-4305.

Secretary Bradberry said the application submission deadline is set for Tuesday, February 1, 2005. Section 5310 Applications received after that deadline will not be considered for a 2005 capital assistance grant.